

**MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN**  
**BM Music**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the B.M. in Music is to provide specialized preparation for many of the professional areas of music and related fields.

**Goal 1**

Provide knowledge of music theory and music history.

Expected Outcome

Graduates of the BM program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.

Assessment

The average score of the graduates of the BM program on the Major Field Achievement Test in Music (which they will be required to take shortly before graduation) will be at or near the 50th percentile compared to national results.

**Goal 2**

To develop musical skills.

Expected Outcome

Each student will develop enough technical command of his or her instrument (or voice) that he or she will be able to publicly perform representative examples of three or more style periods in a musically acceptable fashion.

Assessment

A tape recording of the student's degree recital will be sent for evaluation to a performance committee from a regional state university similar in size to SLU's Music Department. The tape will be rated on a scale of 1-10 (10 being "superior") in the areas of musicality, technical competence, stylistic awareness, and (for singers) diction. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

**Goal 3**

Prepare student for graduate school in a music field.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the BM degree will be well prepared for continued studies at the graduate level.

Assessment

- a. 85% of graduates will respond "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement " I believe my undergraduate training at SLU has prepared me will for my possible continued study at the graduate level" contained in an exit questionnaire they will fill out shortly before graduation.
- b. 100% of those students who choose to apply to a Master's degree program of their choice will be admitted without difficulty (i.e., probational status or excessive remedial courses).